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Dear Mr. LaFrance,

On behalf of the Building America Industrialized Housing Partnership (BAIHP), conducted by the Florida Solar Energy Center, I would like to express the interest and support of our partners in a DOE initiative that makes available volume purchases of R-5 Windows. I feel that such an initiative will help achieve the efficiency and affordability goals of our partners, as well as the DOE Building America program.

BAIHP is currently assisting builder and developer partners throughout the United States with the construction of high performance new prototype homes and communities. Affordable, R-5 windows are a key component to achieving near and long term efficiency targets. BAIHP is also assisting local governments, non-profits, and utilities with energy efficient retrofits of existing housing, for which affordable R-5 windows will be very useful.

On behalf of our team, I appreciate the effort the Department of Energy is making to bring cost effective technologies to market that will enhance the nation's environmental and energy security goals.

Sincerely,

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Program Director

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